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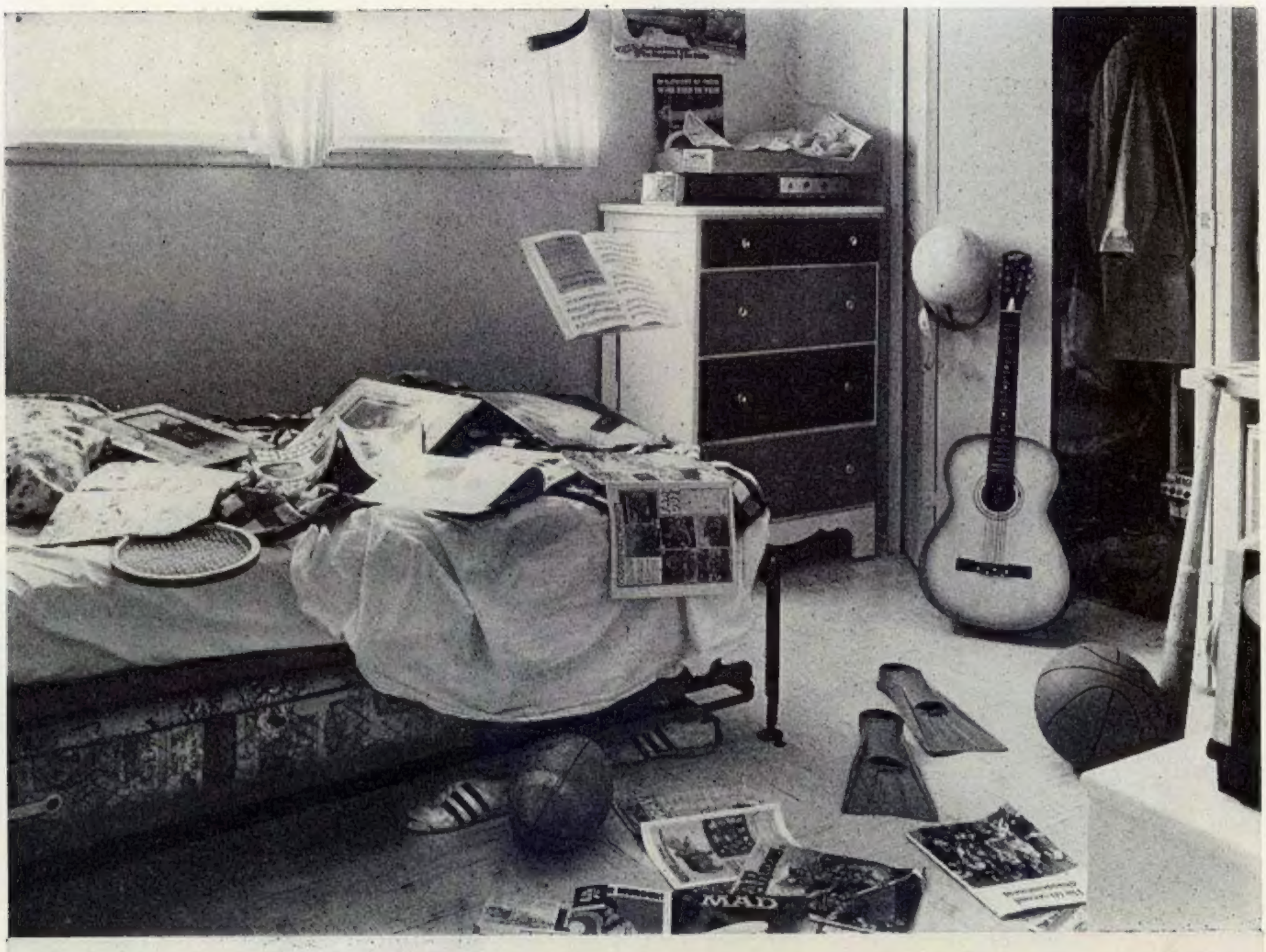

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ALL RIGHT! LET'S GET TO WORK! THE POOL'S ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ESTATE!

SWISH

GRRRRR

FIP FIP

KIIP-YARK

MOMENTS LATER...

COME ON! THE POOL'S THAT WAY!

PRESENTLY...

HE'S GOT THESE ELECTRIC-EYE FENCES ALL AROUND THE PLACE! HOW'RE YOU COMING WITH THAT POLE?

JUST ABOUT READY!

SO FAR, SO GOOD! ONCE I GET OVER, I'LL TOSS THE POLE BACK SO THEY CAN COME ACROSS, TOO!

AND SO, PRESENTLY...

OKAY, NOW... HAND OVER THE SURPRISE PACKAGE--THEN STAND LOOKOUT WITH THIS WHILE I PLANT IT!

CHECK!

MAGNETIZING THIS THING WAS A GOOD IDEA! THAT WAY I CAN ATTACH IT TO THE METAL DRAIN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE POOL!

KLUNK

KLIK TICK TICK

IT'S SET FOR 8:30 TOMORROW MORNING! NOW I JUST PULL THE ACTIVATOR ROD--!

OKAY, FUN'S OVER! LETS SPLIT!

RIGHT!

MOMENTS LATER...

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I HAVE AN EARLY-MORNING MODELLING APPOINTMENT-- SO WE'LL ALL BE IN THE CLEAR! NOW LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! I NEED MY BEAUTY REST!

HA-HA! OKAY, VERA! LET'S GO!

AND SO, THE NEXT MORNING...

IT'S YOU, M'UM! SMASHINGLY YOU!

WHY, THANK YOU, ERIC!

THAT'S IT, VERA! THAT'S IT! NOW *POUT* A LITTLE FOR ME, WILL YOU?

ALMOST 8:30! TIME FOR MY MORNING SWIM!

SOMETIMES THIS POOL IS SO RELAXING THAT I--

TICK TICK TICK

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FATHER! OH, MY GOD! OH, MY DEAR GOD!

LATER...

I KNOW THIS IS ROUGH ON YOU, MISS STERLING, BUT IF WE'RE GOING TO CATCH THE MEN WHO DID THIS, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK A FEW QUESTIONS!

I SOB UNDERSTAND, LT. CORRIGAN! L-LET'S GO INTO THE HOUSE!

PRESENTLY...

...AND LATELY HE'D BEEN VERY UPSET ABOUT HIS BUSINESS!

I THINK IT HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH HIS PARTNER, MAXWELL FLOOD, BUT HE WOULDN'T TELL ME WHAT IT WAS!

HMMM! I SEE!

Y-YOU D-DON'T THINK DADDY'S PARTNER KILLED HIM, DO YOU, LIEUTENANT? WHY, HE AND MY FATHER--

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I THINK, MISS STERLING! WHEN YOU'RE A COP--

--YOU LEARN TO SUSPECT EVERYBODY! IT'S AN ATTITUDE THAT GOES WITH THE FLAT FEET AND THE FORTY-DOLLAR SUITS!

BUT YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT HELP, MISS STERLING! IF I COME UP WITH ANYTHING ELSE, I'LL--

COULDN'T YOU CALL ME GWEN, LIEUTENANT?

SURE, GWEN! THANK YOU! YOU'VE BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE! NOW IT'S TIME I--

LT. CORRIGAN! UH... JIM! D-DO YOU HAVE A... WIFE OR UH... GIRLFRIEND?

I'M NOT REALLY **FREE** TO GET INVOLVED WITH A WOMAN, GWEN, AS MUCH AS I MIGHT LIKE TO BE!

NOW YOU TAKE IT EASY! I'LL BE IN TOUCH IF ANYTHING BREAKS!

A-ALL RIGHT, JIM! GOODBYE!

MUCH LATER THAT DAY...

GWEN SAID THIS GUY FLOOD LIKES TO WORK LATE! THAT'S GOOD! **THE SPECTRE** WORKS BEST WITHOUT AN AUDIENCE!

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...WHEN THE **GHOST** OF ADRIAN STERLING...

...ACCUSES HIM OF...

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...MURDER!

HUNH!? W-WHO A-RE **YOU**? WH-WHAT A-ARE YOU **DOING** HERE?

WHY, MAXWELL, DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME? I'M-YOUR PARTNER, ADRIAN STERLING...OR RATHER... I **WAS**...

...BEFORE **YOU** KILLED ME!

N-NO, ADRIAN! I **DIDN'T** DO IT! IT **WASN'T** ME! I **SWEAR** IT WASN'T!

FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, P-PLEASE D-DON'T--

H-HE'S GONE! ADRIAN STERLING'S GHOST IS **G-GONE!** B-BUT HE'LL BE **BACK!** B-BACK TO **G-GET** ME!

GOT TO CALL ERIC-- RIGHT AWAY!

I TELL YOU, ERIC, **IT'S TRUE!** I-I SAW ADRIAN STERLING'S **GHOST!** HE WAS **RIGHT HERE**--IN **MY** OFFICE! HE C-CAME R-RIGHT TH-THROUGH THE **LOCKED DOOR!**

A-AND HE **KNOWS**, ERIC! HE KNOWS **EVERY-THING!** HE ACCUSED ME OF H-HIS **MURDER**!

CALM DOWN, WILL YOU, FLOOD! GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF!

ERIC, I'M **S-SCARED!** WH-WHEN I H-HIRED THE THREE OF YOU TO KILL STERLING SO HE WOULDN'T EXPOSE MY THEFTS FROM THE COMPANY, I D-DIDN'T KNOW HE'D C-COME B-BACK FROM THE G-GRAVE TO... TO...

LOOK, FLOOD! YOU'D BETTER COME ON OVER TO THE SALON! RIGHT NOW! JUST MAKE SURE YOU AREN'T FOLLOWED! GOODBYE!

THAT WAS FLOOD! HE'S COMPLETELY LOST HIS MARBLES! SAYS HE'S BEING HAUNTED BY ADRIAN STERLING'S GHOST!

HE'S COMING OVER NOW! WE'LL HAVE TO GET RID OF HIM BEFORE HE GOES COMPLETELY CRACKER'S AND BLABS HIS STORY TO THE LAW!

RIGHT!

PRESENTLY...

RUN, EVIL PARASITE! YOU CANNOT ESCAPE... THE SPECTRE!

SOON...

FLOOD, MY MAN! GOOD TO SEE YOU! COME IN! COME IN!

PETER, YOU STAY UP FRONT! MR. FLOOD AND I ARE GOING TO CHAT A BIT IN ONE OF THE BACK BOOTHS!

MOMENTS LATER...

NOW, FLOOD! SIT DOWN! TRY TO RELAX! WHAT'S ALL THIS DRIVEL ABOUT ADRIAN STERLING'S GHOST?

H-HE KNOWS, I TELL YOU! H-HE ACCUSED ME OF HIS MURDER!

NOW, NOW, FLOOD! CALM DOWN! TELL ME EVERYTHING THE GHOST SAID WORD FOR WORD, WILL YOU?

H-HE S-SAID TH-THAT...

...TH-THAT I-- ARRGHH !!

YOU'RE A STUPID MAN, FLOOD! A PAINFULLY STUPID MAN!

HUNH--?! THAT FACE! IN THE MIRROR! WHAT IN BLAZES IS IT?

IT IS MY FACE, PUTRID VILLAIN!

WHA?! I M-MUST BE S-SEEING THINGS! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!

IN THE LAND BEYOND THE LIVING... ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

P-PLEASE! WH-WHAT ARE Y-YOU G-GOING TO DO?

OH MY GOD! PETER!! HELP ME!!

NO! NOOO

HA HA

THAT SCREAM! IT'S ERIC! SOMETHING MUST'VE GONE WRONG BACK THERE!

ERIC! WHAT IN--

⇒GASP⇐! G-GOOD LORD! TH-THOSE SCISSORS!

I'VE GOT TO GO TELL VERA!

SOON...

PSST! VERA! I'VE GOT TO TALK TO YOU!

PETER! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? I CAN'T TALK TO YOU NOW! I'LL BE ON STAGE ANY SECOND! I'LL MEET YOU LATER --AT MY PLACE! NOW SCRAM!

MOMENTS LATER...

I'LL JUST WALK OVER TO--

HUNH--!?

ALL RIGHT, FELLA! STOP WHERE YOU ARE! POLICE!

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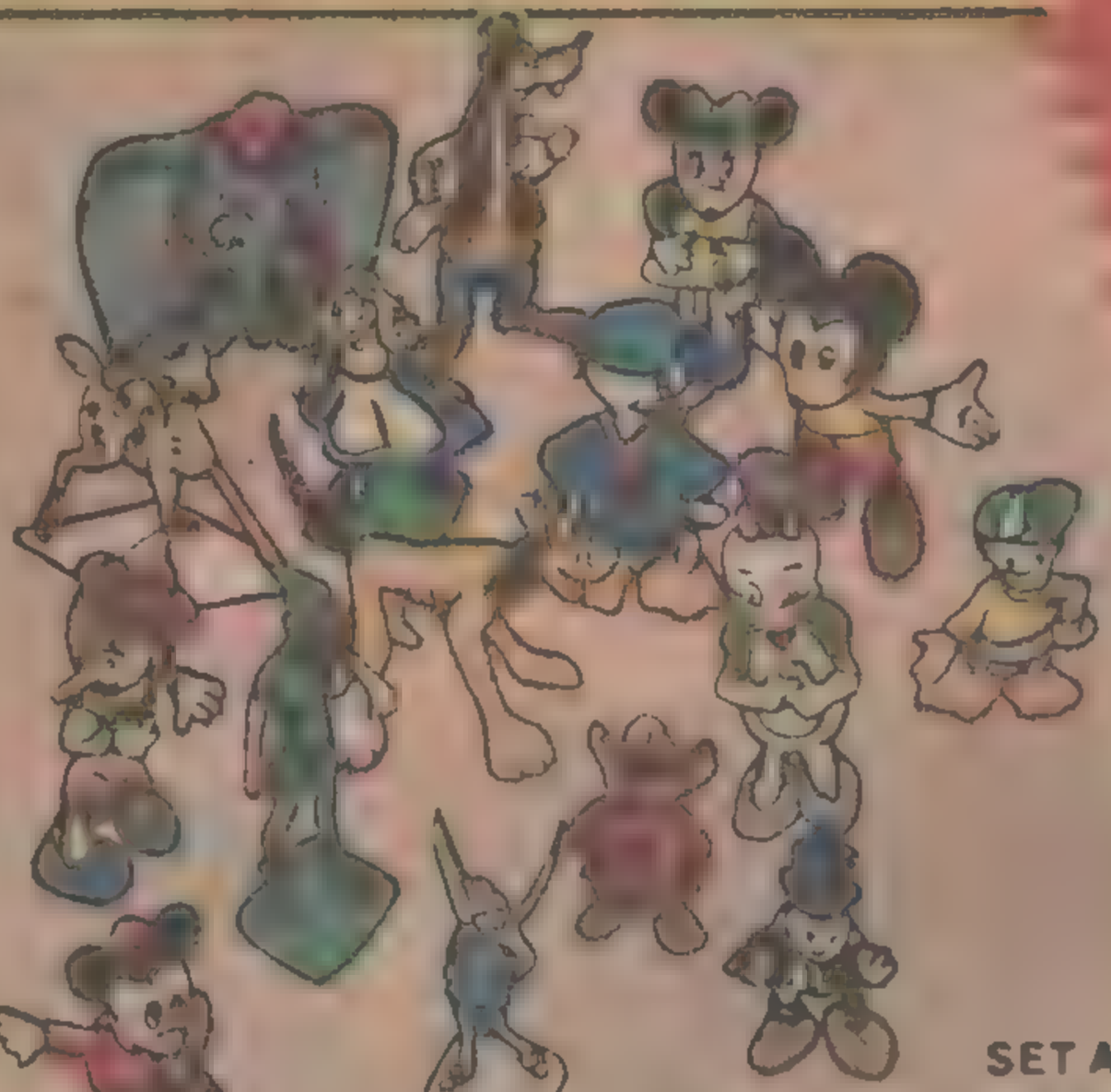

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JIM! JIM! WHAT'S HAPPENING?

I'LL STOP ALL RIGHT, COPPER! LONG ENOUGH TO--

GWEN! STAY BACK!

HE'S QUITE RIGHT, LOVE! YOUR TIMING IS REALLY INOPPORTUNE!

BUT AS LONG AS YOU'RE HERE--

--YOUR CAR WILL DO NICELY FOR--

AHHH! W-WHO A-ARE Y-YOU--?

OH MY GOD! JIM? IS THAT Y-YOU?

NO, GWENDOLYN! JIM CORRIGAN IS THE MAN I *USED* TO BE, WHEN I WAS... *ALIVE!*

NOW I AM ...*THE SPECTRE*!!

W-WHAT... HAVE YOU :GASP: ... *D-DONE* TO... M-ME? I'M TURNING :GASP: INTO... INTO...

I-IT'S NOT :GASP: *POSSIBLE!* HE'S N-NOTHING BUT A P-PILE OF *SAND*!

WH-WHAT'S *HAPPENING* (CHOKE) T-TO... M-ME? F-FEEL (CHOKE)... *HOT!* C-CAN'T :GASP:... *BREATHE*!

OH JIM! W-WAS TH-THAT *THING* REALLY *YOU*? I WANTED... I *HOPED*...

IF THINGS WERE *DIFFER-ENT*, GWEN, I WOULD WANT IT, TOO! BUT THINGS ARE *NOT* DIFFERENT! YOU'VE GOT TO *FORGET* ABOUT ME! PROMISE ME, GWEN! PROMISE ME YOU'LL...

...FORGET!

OH (SOB) JIM! I C-CAN'T FORGET! I (SOB) C-CAN'T!

MEANWHILE...

...AND NOW VERA MODELS AN *ENCHANTING* COCKTAIL DRESS BY VALENTINO...

ISN'T SHE *LOVELY*?

AND THAT OUTFIT-- SIMPLY *BREATHTAKING*!

ETERNITY AWAITS YOU, VILLAINESS!

WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHY IS THAT POOR GIRL SCREAMING?

I DON'T KNOW! I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!

WH-WHAT'S (GASP) *HAPPENING* TO ME--?

WH-WHY D-DO I F-FEEL *SO... OLD...* ?

SO VERY... VERY... VERY...

=GASP!=

MY LORD!

WHY, SHE LOOKS AS THOUGH SHE'S DIED OF OLD AGE!

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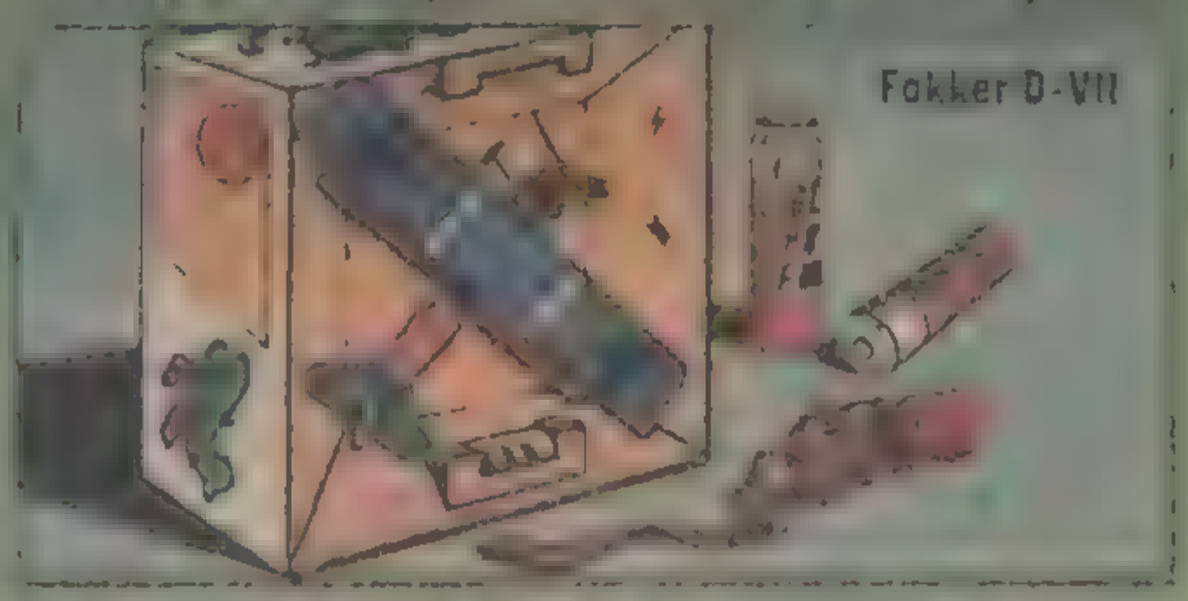

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NIGHT OF THE SLAVES
FROM WHAT I'VE BEEN ABLE TO GATHER, MY PEOPLE WERE K'LLED OFF FIGHTING THESE EUROPEAN INVADERS! AND NOW, I'M--
I WANT THAT ONE--THE YOUNG ONE WITH THE GOLDEN SKIN!
I'M WILLING TO MATCH AND SURPASS ANYONE'S BID!

I'LL YET HAVE MY *REVENGE* ON THESE PEOPLE FOR DESTROYING MY *LAND, MY PEOPLE!* THEY'LL--

BUT, THOUGH HE PLANS HIS REVENGE, THOUGH HIS INDIVIDUAL SPIRIT IS STILL ALIVE, EVEN NOW CAPTAIN FEAR IS BEING TREATED AS A PIECE OF MERCHANDISE, AND MONEY IS BEING PAID FOR HIS PURCHASE...

I DO NOT KNOW, MY DEAR, IF YOU HAVE MADE THE *RIGHT* CHOICE! THIS ONE DOES NOT LOOK PARTICULARLY *STRONG!*

HE IS *STRONG!* I CAN *TELL!*

EVER SINCE MY FATHER DIED *I* HAVE BEEN RUNNING THE PLANTATION *MY* WAY, FERNANDO! AND I *KNOW* HOW TO CHOOSE SLAVES...

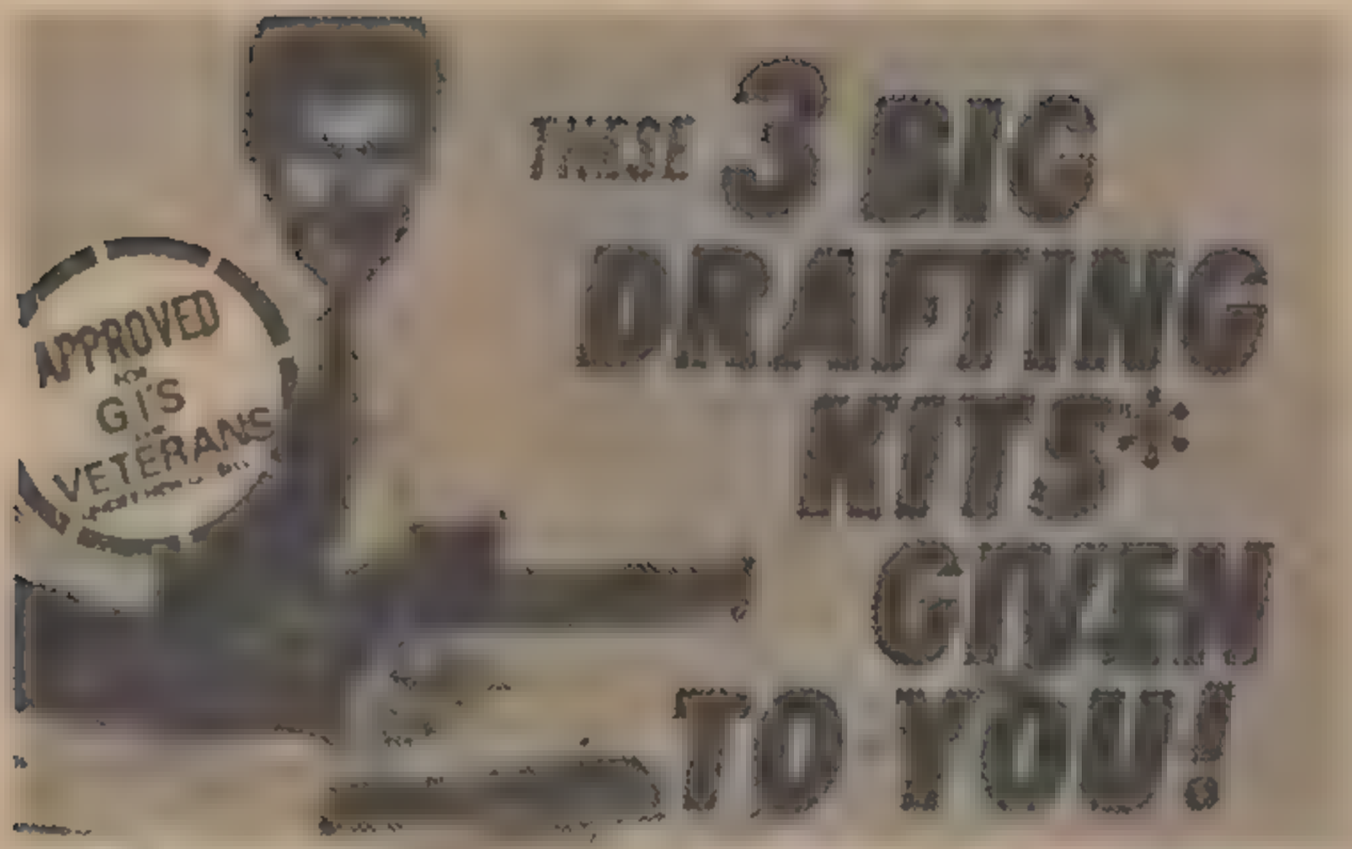
YOU MAY BE A GUEST AT MY HOME...

...AND YOU MAY BE A *SPECIAL ENVOY* FROM THE KING OF SPAIN, SENT TO *WATCH OVER* THIS COLONY!

BUT NONETHELESS, I SHALL RUN MY PLANTATION AS *I* SEE FIT!

YES, MY DEAR!

THIS, THEN, IS THE PLANTATION, ONE OF THE RICHEST PLANTATIONS ON THIS ISLAND THAT WILL ONE DAY BE CALLED HAITI. IT IS HERE THAT CAPTAIN FEAR IS FORCED TO WORK ALONGSIDE THE OTHER SLAVES, TO HARVEST COTTON AND FOOD STUFFS, WHILE HIS MIND FILLS WITH SCHEMES AND PLANS OF REVENGE...



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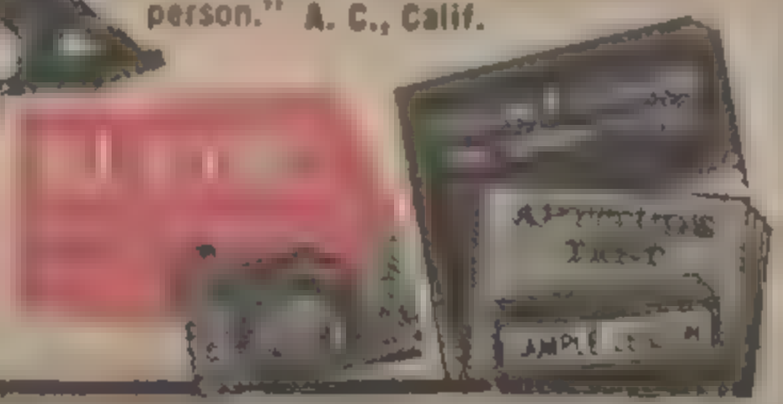

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NOW YOU SHALL BE *LOCKED UP* TILL THE *MORN!*

YOU--YOU STILL HAVE A *REBELLIOUS* LOOK ABOUT YOU!

SUCH A LOOK WILL CAUSE YOU NOTHING BUT *TROUBLE* AND *PAIN!* YOU SHOULD *LOSE* IT IF YOU WISH TO GET ALONG HERE! *UNDERSTAND?*

GOD, BUT I'D LIKE TO *SILENCE* THIS *WORTHLESS DOG*-- BUT *NO!* I MUST *BIDE MY TIME!* WAIT FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO *ESCAPE!*

MEANWHILE, IN THE PLANTATION GUEST ROOM...

EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE WORKING OUT *PERFECTLY!* SEÑORA HERNANDEZ HAS COME TO CONSIDER ME HER *SUITOR...*

I MAY BE A *SPECIAL ENVOY,* BUT I HAVE NO *MONEY!*

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COME! I SHALL QUESTION HIM AT *ONCE!*

AS DUTY CALLS THE ENVOY AWAY FROM THE PLANTATION... THE WOMAN OF THE HOUSE WATCHES HIM DEPART...

HMMM'...

THEN, SHE CALLS FORTH ONE OF THE OVERSEERS, AND...

THE NEWEST OF OUR SLAVES --I WISH H M BROUGHT HERE IMMEDIATELY!

WHATEVER YOU SAY, SEÑORA!

YOU! REBELLIOUS ONE! COME WITH ME!

YOU MAY LEAVE US NOW!

YES, SEÑORA!

I KNOW NOTHING OF YOUR PAST, SLAVE! BUT YOU HAVE A COMMANDING AIR ABOUT YOU! I LIKE YOU!

AND I WISH YOU TO BE MY PERSONAL BODYGUARD! WHAT SAY YOU?

NO! I CANNOT ACCEPT! I WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY FAVORS FROM THESE PEOPLE!

COME! LOOK UPON ME! LOOK CLOSELY! THEN, GIVE YOUR ANSWER.

MY ANSWER IS STILL NO!

WHAT?! YOU DARE SPURN MY OFFER? YOU--

SLAP!

HOLD! WHAT GOES ON HERE?

HUNH?

WHA-?

CAPTAIN GOMEZ!

I...UH... UM...

THE COLONIST I WENT TO QUESTION *WOULD NOT TALK!* AFTER SETTING MY MEN TO *MAKING* HIM TALK, I *RETURNED!* IT WOULD APPEAR THAT I ARRIVED BACK *JUST IN TIME!*

TH'S...TH'S MAN *BROKE IN* HERE-- TRIED TO *ATTACK* ME! I--

WHA--?

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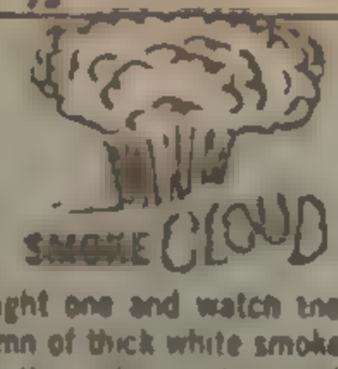

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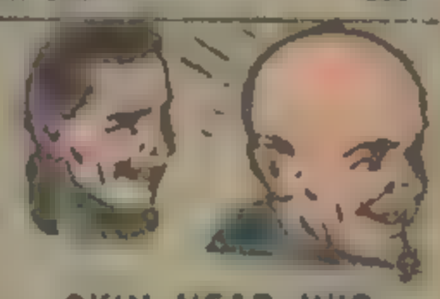

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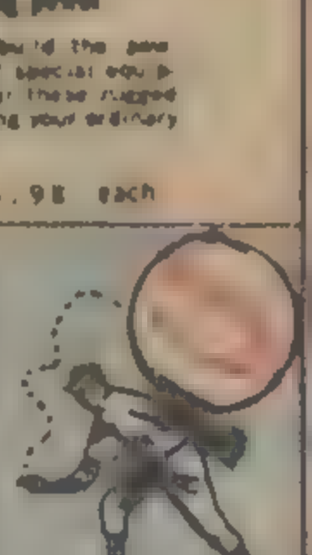

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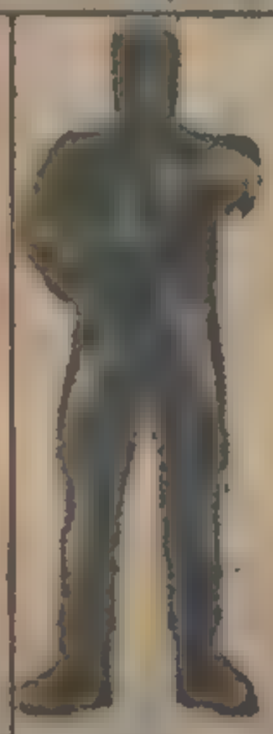

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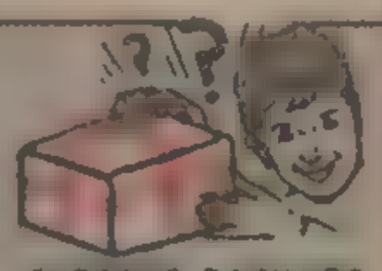

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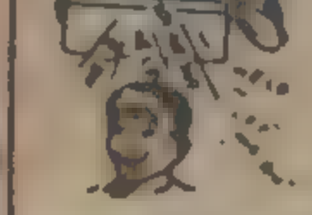

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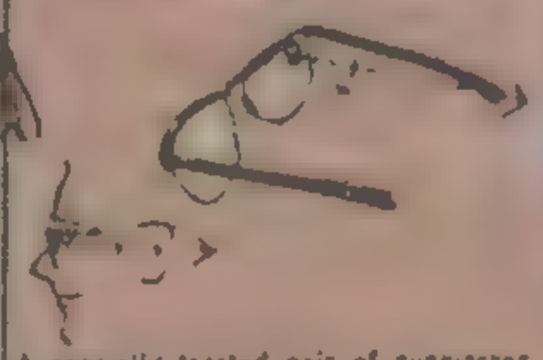

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...UP INTO THE HILLS OF THE HAITIAN RAIN FOREST...

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SUDDENLY...

WHA-?

A *PIT!* MAN-MADE!

AND *SNAKES!* I'M--

SUDDENLY...

BLACKS! WHY HAVE THEY *TRAPPED* ME LIKE THIS?

ARE THEY WORKING FOR THE *EUROPEANS?* OR... OR...?

CONCLUDED NEXT ISSUE!

DC TAKES A GIANT STEP FORWARD IN '71!

DATELINE: ADVENTURE

Dear Editor,

A few days ago, I had some time and money, so I took them both and decided to find a really great comic to spend them on. I wanted something exciting and *different.* Well, I tried the issue of Adventure Comics with the Black Orchid, and I was sold on it. I dig superheroines along with my other favorite comic characters.

I scanned the mag. I know a great comic when I see one. This is definitely one of them.

The whole mag intrigued me. The plot was brilliantly constructed, and the art was incomparable. As I see it, when the right people are behind a comic, the results can be nothing less than an act of genius.

I really would like to see more of Black Orchid. You guys really know how to get it together in a comic mag!

Gloria Jean Lloyd.
Wichita, Kansas

It's a pleasure to allow a rare female correspondant to represent the majority opinion on The Black Orchid. Reader response was very favorable, and very heavy. We won't have sales figures for a while yet, though, so normally the series would be relegated to a lengthy stay in limbo, BUT . . . since reader reaction was so good, we're giving the Black Orchid a home of her own. It's too early to say whether she'll get her own mag, but for the time being she'll be the back-feature in The Phantom Stranger magazine—beginning with the June/July issue, on sale in about two and a half months.

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Dear Mr. Orlando,

Congratulations on another fine series! In two issues you have made The Black Orchid one of DC's finest features, and certainly the best heroine. The artwork by Tony DeZuniga and Shelly Mayer's fine scripting are equally flawless.

I must correct you on a statement you made in the lettercol of #428. Aquaman is not an active member of the JLA. He just doesn't appear. With Jim Aparo on the art, and Steve Skeates on the scripting, Aquaman was a series rivaling The Swamp Thing or Green Lantern-Green Arrow. It would please me greatly to see him return.

Steve Barnard
Carlise, Pa.

Last I had heard, Aquaman was due to be featured in every issue of Justice League because of his role on Super-Friends. *I don't know if that has changed (don't think so, though) but there just might be an interesting Aqua-announcement coming up in the near future.*

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Dear Editor:

Black Orchid HAS to stay in Adventure. Tony DeZuniga did a great job on #429.

Is there any chance of the Orchid joining the Justice League? Or possibly teaming up with Batman and Wonder Woman in one issue?

Kevin Harmon
(Address Unknown)

This is beginning to sound like a Justice League letters page—next thing you know I'll put my initials at the end of every answer. Seriously, it's entirely up to JLA editor Julie Schwartz whether the Black Orchid appears in that mag, and frankly, I doubt that he'd be interested until she got a little more established.

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Dear Editor,

I find that the removal of Supergirl from the pages of Adventure is a change for the better. The first Black Orchid story was very boring, though, and although the second showed signs of improving, I don't think she's good enough for Adventure. How about as a back feature in Supergirl?

Kurt Johnson
Minota, North Dakota

Back-feature, huh? Now why didn't I think of that?

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Hey:

Up here we want much more Black Orchid! Down with Captain Fear!

Jane Starr
Ontario, Canada

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Dear Joe,

I like the Black Orchid very much, and hope you will continue to publish it. I think Tony did a better job of drawing her for the second issue than he did for the premiere.

I wish you would skip the second, unrelated story, and just have two Black Orchid stories, or maybe one long one.

Karen Poling
Bellvue, Washington

I think the back-features are a very important part of Adventure Comics, Karen. They supply an issue-to-issue continuity that's hard to get when your lead feature is constantly changing around, and continuity is very important to any comic mag.

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Dear Editor,

Adventure #429 was great—and it's all because of The Black Orchid! Put her in the Justice League! Print her origin! And keep her around!

David DeWitt
(Address Unknown)

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And lest you forget our current super-star, please note that "The Swami And The Spectre" will be coming your way in Adventure Comics #433, courtesy of Mike Fleisher, Russell Carley and Jim Aparo. Not to mention the concluding portion of this issue's Captain Fear story. Meanwhile, send those cards and letters to: DATELINE: ADVENTURE, National Periodical Publications, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10019.

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HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A READY RANGER? ALL YOU NEED IS AN AURORA READY RANGER MOBILE FIELD PACK.

HIGH IN THE MOUNTAINS, AN AVALANCHE OF ROCKS HAS CUT OFF THE RANGERS' TRAIL.

WE'RE TRAPPED! OPEN UP THE READY RANGER MOBILE FIELD PACK AND SET UP READY RANGER HEADQUARTERS."

MY DISTANCE COMPUTER INDICATES WE'RE THREE MILES FROM THE STATE PARK."

I'LL CALL FOR HELP THROUGH MY P.A. HORN. HELP! HELP!

AS NIGHT FALLS, THE RANGERS PITCH THEIR TENTS AND HUDDLE TOGETHER IN THEIR READY RANGER PONCHOS.

I'VE LOCATED THE NORTH STAR WITH MY READY RANGER STARFINDER."

THE LOOKOUT TOWER SHOULD SPOT OUR READY RANGER SIGNAL LIGHT.

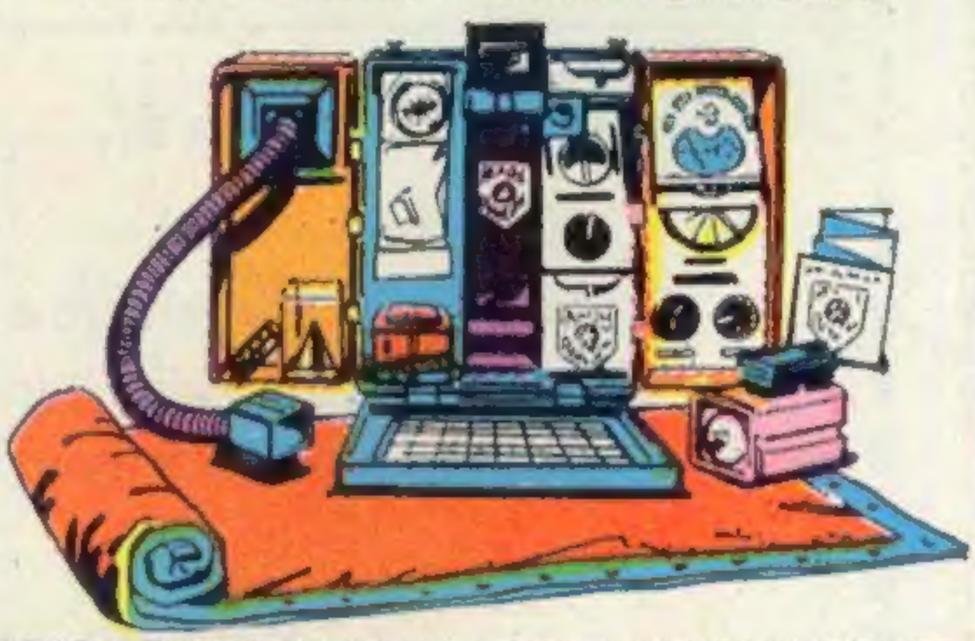
AFTER COUNTLESS SIGNALS...

LOOK A LIGHT! THEY'VE SPOTTED OUR SIGNAL.

AT DAYBREAK, A HELICOPTER LIFTS THE RANGERS TO SAFETY.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, OUR READY RANGER MOBILE FIELD PACKS SAVED OUR LIVES.

GET YOUR READY RANGER MOBILE FIELD PACK. WHEN YOU'RE A READY RANGER, YOU'RE ALWAYS READY FOR ANY DANGER.



READY RANGER MOBILE FIELD HEADQUARTERS.

1. PONCHO BEDROLL 2. COMMUNICATIONS POWER PACK
3. P.A. HORN 4. PERISCOPE 5. INTRUDER DETECTOR
6. STARFINDER 7. COMPASS 8. INVISIBLE SLATE

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